

**TWENTY-FIFTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
20 Sept 2015



Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church
FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA



what's coming



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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

september

20 SUNDAY, TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Life Weekend. Please visit our ministry booths after each Mass.

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (Confirmation Team)

SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.

CYM Dinner and Youth Group meeting following the 5pm Mass.

21 Monday, Saint Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist

7:30pm, RCIA/RICA class, Church.

7:30pm, Catholics' Divorce Survival Guide class series begins, Courtyard Meeting Room.

22 Tuesday, Weekday

12pm, Birthright Volunteer Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.

7pm, Acts of the Apostles Class (JoAnn Baker) begins, Holy Cross Academy Library.

7:30pm, South Africa Slide / Video Presentation by Sisters and Fr. Don, Church (also Oct. 1).

7:30pm, Life in the Spirit gathering, Courtyard Meeting Room.

23 Wednesday, Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

4:15pm, Canonization Mass with Pope Francis, CUA Mall, Basilica East Portico.

6:30pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.

7:15pm, Walking With Purpose - "Touching the Divine" group begins, Courtyard Meeting Room.

No Confessions or adoration, priests are concelebrating Papal Mass.

24 Thursday, Weekday

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100.

9:45am, Acts of the Apostles Class (Suzette Young) begins, Courtyard Meeting Room.

6:30pm, Family Holy Hour, Church.

7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.

7:15pm, Walking With Purpose - "Keeping in Balance" group begins, Parish Life Center Room 100.

7:15pm, Walking With Purpose - "Opening Your Heart" group begins, Parish Life Center Room 204.

25 Friday, Weekday

9am, St. Anne Sisters in Faith, John Paul II House.

7pm, Hope Over Heroin event, Pratt Park.

7pm, Bunco group, Parish Life Center Main Hall.

26 Saturday, Weekday (Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs)

Commitment Sunday weekend. Please prepare Commitment Cards and give them at Offertory.

SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.

7pm, Hope Over Heroin event, Pratt Park.

27 SUNDAY, TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Commitment Sunday weekend. Please prepare Commitment Cards and give them at Offertory.

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (American Heritage Girls)

SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.

11:30am, New Family Welcome Meeting, Church.

12:30pm, ESL Organizational Meeting, Parish Life Center.

CYM Dinner and Youth Group meeting following the 5pm Mass.

28 Monday, Weekday (Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz, and companions, Martyrs)

7:30pm, RCIA/RICA class, Church.

7:30pm, Catholics' Divorce Survival Guide class continues, Courtyard Meeting Room.

29 Tuesday, Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

Noon, Senior Luncheon, Parish Life Center.

7pm, Acts of the Apostles Class continues (JoAnn Baker), Holy Cross Academy Library.

30 Wednesday, Saint Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church

6:30pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.

7:15pm, Walking With Purpose - "Touching the Divine" group continues, Courtyard Meeting Room.

nota bene (*note well, please*):

✂ **Parish Life Weekend is this weekend!** Learn more about all our ministries and how you can get involved in parish life and work. **Pray about your involvement.** And come next weekend to **Commitment Sunday** and place your Commitment Card in the Offertory Basket at Mass.

✂ **Confessions and Adoration are canceled on Wednesday, September 23** because the priests will be concelebrating the Papal Mass in Washington, D.C.

✂ Registration is open for the **Called and Gifted Workshop**, to be held **October 9-10**. We ask all who have attended, if you can, to recommend this Workshop to two additional people and grow momentum. Please visit the parish website for more information and the registration form, or simply fill out the registration form on p. 7 and send it in.

✂ **Parish Photo Directory** sign-up is now open. Please visit our parish website to schedule your sitting / appointment. Photo sessions **begin September 29**.

✂ Sunday, September 27 will be **the last day the current prayer list for military men and women** will be published. Starting October 4 we will begin **a new updated prayer list**. To have a name added to this new list, please contact the parish office.

1009 Stafford Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401

SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm
Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7:01pm
10:30am at Holy Cross Academy

DAILY MASS Mon.-Fri.: 6:30 & 9am; Sat., 9am
First Friday 8pm
Holy Days of Obligation, as announced

DEVOTIONS Adoration & Benediction, Wed., 7-9pm
Novena with Exposition, Mon., 7-7:30pm
All Night Adoration, First Friday
Miraculous Medal Novena, Mon., after 9am Mass
Divine Mercy, Wed., 3pm

CONFESSION Wed., 7-9pm; Sat., 8am & 3:30pm, or by appt.

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Director, Leo Chavarria

HEALTH MINISTRY 845-3031
Lois Sullivan, RN, FCN
Beth Palacios, RN, FCN

BAPTISMS Parish registration (90 days) and class required.
Please contact the parish office to schedule the date at least four weeks in advance.

MARRIAGE Parish registration required; contact parish six months in advance to begin preparation.

JOIN US New Family Registration meetings held in the church on fourth Sundays, following the 10:30 Mass. Please notify us of any contact changes.

Articles must be submitted two weeks prior to publication.
Send articles to bulletin@stmaryfred.org. Thanks!

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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

It is still early in the process of preparing next weekend's homily since it is only Monday, but I'm working on my homilies which I will give at all the Masses this weekend for Parish Life Weekend. I am certain that your happiness, your sense of being fulfilled, even your salvation depends upon your and your family's involvement in the life of the Church. Use Parish Life Weekend as a time of grace to be fulfilled.

I have never known a single person who has gotten involved, really involved, in ministry who hasn't said that it changed their life.

So I begin my homily preparation for next weekend asking the question, "Why is that? How can there be so many people even just in our small sphere of experience who have left the Church, who have decided they were unfulfilled, who feel empty?"

It is because most people today live life on the level of emotion only. They have never actually, really, *done* anything about it. They have never looked real poverty (and I don't mean lack of money) right in the eyes of another human being and realized that God was asking them to unleash the power of grace that is within them to do something to alleviate that suffering, or to make injustice right, or to empower another to hope. Our world is a place where, too often, self absorption has shut out the possibility of change, transformation, grace, conversion.

Today I want to tell you that our faith is not a feeling. Faith is a gift you received in Baptism, a supernatural virtue that God gave you so that you could look at the world with the eyes of Christ, as a member of that Mystical Body. "I've lost my faith" is such a common statement today... but that is, actually, impossible. It is a gift that God gave you. But as long as you let it remain on the shallow level of feelings it will never grow roots. You will wake up one morning and feel that it is gone, a feeling that has no more value than feeling good about having it. To activate faith in your life you must *do something* about it. You must act. You must be involved in God's work of grace and renewal in his creation, an ambassador of his Word, a true disciple. Faith is trust that God is here, and sends us out to do something about the rest of the world that is waiting to know that trust in God for themselves.

Today I want to tell you that hope is not a feeling, either. Hope is another theological virtue, a *supernatural* virtue (these are things that we would never come up with on our own) like faith that you received in Baptism, so that you can confront the apparent despair of the world with the eyes of Christ, as a member of that Mystical Body. "I have lost hope" is another common misunderstanding. You can't lose hope, it is in your heart sacramentally by God's design. It is a gift that God gave you. Hope is a little different, it seems to me that you learn to know hope by the example of others who teach us to shine like stars in the sometimes nighttime of everyday life. Saints who endured great suffering or people who held onto God in the most difficult times of persecution, turmoil, impossible odds, make us strong, and help us to see a way forward in hope when our nature tells us to despair. You can't lose hope because it is a gift God gave you. But you can make it real through serving others. When we give hope to others, we know it is real in ourselves.

Finally, love, the third gift you can't lose, is the most obvious. The reason that so many marriages have failed in our world is because love is still mistaken for a feeling. Love is a commitment. The theological virtue of love (charity) might feel good (one would hope so, certainly in marriage) or it might be terribly difficult and painful. Consider how parents might suffer for their children, or a friend might give up his life to save his friend. This virtue received in Baptism as we are incorporated into that Mystical Body of Christ is totally above our nature, to love as Jesus loves, from the Cross. Love is *sacrifice*, and though it might not make us happy in the moment, its realization will be the deepest joy you will ever know. But again, it will never be realized in your life unless you *act*.

Confirmation is the time Jesus Christ asks all of us who received these gifts to put them into action with the power of his Holy Spirit. We have time to make it happen.

Our Parish Life Weekend is your opportunity. Find what you are looking for in loving service to God and others. Allow your prize to be outside yourself, giving as Christ gives. Time in prayer, talents in service, supporting the work of God through his Church. Offer God your love.

God bless you.

Fr. Don

holy cross academy



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Our Wall of Honor

We just can't think of a better way to start off the day than having our HCA Dads come in and share a delicious doughnut with their children. This annual event is one of our most popular and one we anticipate with a lot of joy every year. We hold 'Doughnuts with Dad' on Veterans Day so that many of our Dads who have the day off can start their morning with us. Our PTO volunteers provide these tasty treats and allow our Dads to share a special moment with their child and to catch up with one another.

We take advantage of this holiday and invite our

favorite veterans – Dads, Moms, Grandparents, and friends – in to speak with our students. This year, our children heard all about the role of military chaplains, communications officers, submariners, bomb detection dogs and the different aircraft used by our military. It is a very special event when a veteran or active service member visit the classroom.

To prepare for Veterans Day, students brought in pictures or names of their own personal military heroes and we created our own Wall of Honor in thanks for the service of these special people.

As we pray daily for peace, we offer prayers of thanks for the service and dedication of so many Americans. And as we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, we thank God for our parish and all those who help to make our school a wonderful place to learn and grow.

If you want to learn about our school and what we can do for your child, call us at 540-286-1600 or visit our website, www.holycrossweb.com. For St. Mary Preschool, please call 540-373-7553. Our school is a place where each child can flourish, grow and learn. We would love to hear from you and will gladly give you a tour of our National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and tell you all about the wonderful opportunities we provide for our students.

education

religious education



Our catechists are ready! Enroll your children today

We are excited about our upcoming Religious Education year. Fr. Don welcomed and thanked our new catechists at our first training session held September 1. Saint Mary is grateful for these volunteers who have committed their time to helping parents with the religious formation of their children. **The guest speaker, Mr. Paul Gallagher, educational consultant at Loyola Press, guided us through Loyola Press's *Christ Our Life* series.** The Catechist's Guide and parent and catechist

resources are available at loyolapress.com/christ-our-life-2016.htm. Parents are encouraged to use the free, online resources for children and parents. There are interactive chapter reviews, activities, and quizzes.

Catechist Sunday commissioning

On September 6 and 7, Catechists were commissioned at the 5pm Vigil Mass, and the 8:30am and 5pm Sunday Masses. After the sermon, the commissioning ceremony was held. The priest asked the catechist to make their Profession of Faith, then they were blessed and presented to the community.

youth ministry

"It is your life that Jesus wants to enter with His word, with His presence. Please, let Christ and His word enter your life, blossom and grow. **The Church needs you**, your enthusiasm, your creativity and the joy that is so characteristic of youth."

- Pope Francis

YOU CAT

Meets Wednesday nights from 6:30pm to 8pm.

In the John Paul II House.

Get involved. Be transformed.

CYM Dinner and HS Youth Group: September 20

All high school teens are invited to join us **Sunday, September 20 at 6pm** for an awesome meal as we gather together before our high school youth group begins. There's nothing quite like a meal to bring people together and help get to know one another. After the CYM Dinner, **join us from 7pm-8:30pm for a dynamic, fun and faith filled night as we kick off the year.** All high school teens must be registered to participate so please see the high school page in the Youth Ministry section of the website.

called and gifted program

how are you called?

Join Us
You are Welcome

**Adult Religious
Education**

**For a complete
list of classes
and series
available for
adult formation,
please visit:**

**[stmaryfred.org/
adult-education/](http://stmaryfred.org/adult-education/)**



**Maybe you are asking
yourself, "Now what?"**

Join over 500 parishioners who have already experienced the Called and Gifted Workshop and are listening to the call of God. God calls us in concrete ways, through the gifts of service he places in each of us at our baptism. Many people don't discover them unless they *intentionally* stop, study, search and realize that God is calling all his people to act in ordinary, faithful ways that we might even take for granted. You have a special role in the Church as a lay person, an *office*, and no one else can accomplish what you can, because no one has the combination of gifts that God has given you. No one else has your particular background, experience, gifts and connections. No one else can take your place.

Are you going through, or planning to make, a transition in your life? Perhaps your children have recently left home. Perhaps you want to return to work after an absence, or you are considering a call to the priesthood or religious life.

Knowing what God has given you to offer other people can help you to discern his will for your life—and provide you with direction when you make choices.

On Friday evening and Saturday, October 9 and 10, our parish is sponsoring a teaching team from the Catherine of Siena Institute in Colorado Springs to offer the introductory Called and Gifted Workshop. The discernment process will help you to discover God's will for you.

Following the Workshop, work with one of our trained team members for a consultation on your Workshop results between October 13 and 31. The process then takes shape in six follow-up small group meetings with people who share similar gifts to the ones you wish to explore.

To register or find out more, call Fr. Don at the parish office, or see links to more information and a registration form at our parish website at www.stmaryfred.org. You may also contact us at called@stmaryfred.org

*Simply fill out
and return the
registration form
below and plan to
join us October
9 and 10.*



registration form:

Please return this form to the Parish Office **by Wednesday, 30 September 2015**, if you plan to attend the Workshop.

Name of Ministry (if actively involved): _____

☐ Registered Member / St. Mary (\$20)

☐ Not a Member of St. Mary (\$30)

Name of church where you are a member: _____

yes! I will attend the Workshop.

NAME _____

DAYTIME PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Box lunch on Saturday is included. Payment must be included with registration. Make checks payable to St. Mary. Fee is not refundable.

parish life

parish life is...

Here is a quick list of all the ministries that are available to you for parish service.

Please watch your mailboxes for our **Catalog** and read and pray about these groups, and consider what you might get involved in.

This weekend you will have the opportunity before and after Masses to meet with representatives to find out if the fit is right for you.

In one week we will have **Commitment Sunday** when everyone will place the Commitment Card in the offering basket: your commitment of **time** for prayer, your **gifts** for service, and your **financial support** of our parish family.

► EDUCATION

- Adult Religious Education
- ESL: English/Second Language
- Faith Formation K-12 (Religious Education Program)
- Holy Cross Academy
- RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
- Vacation Bible School
- Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM)
 - Confirmation Team Leaders
 - High School Youth Group
 - Middle School Youth Program
 - WorkCamp Volunteers
 - Youth Group Parent Volunteers

► LITURGY

- Altar Servers
 - Senior Altar Servers/Funerals
- Altar Society
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
 - Ministry to the Homebound
- Hospitality: Greeters
- Hospitality: Ushers
- Lectors
- Music Ministry
 - Adult Choir
 - Folk Choir
 - Spanish Choir
 - Children's Choirs (Grades 2-6)
 - Youth Choir (Grades 7-12)
- Seasonal Decorators

► OPERATIONS

- Administrative Support
- Bishops' Lenten Appeal Committee
- Communications Committee
- Development
 - Scrip Volunteers
- Operations Committee

► OUTREACH

- Catholic Advocacy Committee
- Ecumenical/Interreligious Commission
- Family Services (Catholic Charities)
- Health Ministry
- Homeless Shelter Dinner

- Jail/Prison Ministry
- Manna Project (Food Bank)
- Micah Ecumenical Ministries
 - Cold Night Shelter
 - Community Dinners
- Outreach Committee
- Refugee Assistance
- SHARE Program
- St. Vincent de Paul Society

► PARISH LIFE

- Ancient Order of Hibernians
- Book Club
- Called and Gifted Program
- Council of Catholic Women
 - Circle of Love
 - Craft Group
 - Prayers & Squares
- Cursillo
- Funeral Receptions Committee
- Gardens Committee
- Homeschoolers Group
- Knights of Columbus
- Legion of Mary
- Lenten Small Groups Program
- Magdalenes
- Men's Group
- St. Anne Sisters in Faith (Moms' Group)
- Over 40 Single Catholics
- Parish Food Chain
- Parish Life Committee
- Prayer Groups
 - Global Prayer Ministry
 - Life in the Spirit Gathering
 - Spanish Prayer Group
- Respect Life Ministry
 - Birthing of Fredericksburg
 - Mary's Shelter
- Retreats
- Secular Franciscan Order
- Senior Luncheons
- Vocations Committee
- Welcoming New Parishioners
- Young Adults
- Youth Organizations (Sponsored by parish/school)
 - American Heritage Girls
 - Boy/Cub Scouts of America
 - Girl Scouts of America
 - Squires / Roses
 - Trail Life USA Troop

Teen/Parent Summit

A Parent(s) of Teens discussion group—facilitated by Dian Epp, LCSW, a member of the Saint Mary Health Ministry Team—will begin **Monday, September 21 from 7-8:30pm** and continue for 4 sessions. Attendance is limited to 12. Priority will be given to parents who attended the summit but is open to all parents of teens in the parish. To register, please call the Parish Office at **540-373-6491**.

The 4 sessions are:

- **Sept. 21:** Teens and technology
- **Sept. 28:** Parent and teen communication
- **Oct. 5:** Warning signs of substance abuse in teens
- **Oct. 12:** Setting effective boundaries with teens

If there is interest, 2 additional sessions will be added:

- **Oct. 19:** Ways to identify signs of anxiety and depression in teens
- **Oct. 26:** How to promote your teen's self esteem

Classes will be held in the conference room at Catholic Charities.

Coats for Kids

The Knights of Columbus, Fredericksburg Council #4034,

and the Fredericksburg Sheriff's Department are jointly conducting fundraisers for the **Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Program** in an effort to provide coats to needy children in the Fredericksburg area.

Poncho Villa on Route 17 has agreed to donate 15% of the total bill of participating patrons **on Tuesday, September 22 from 5-8pm.**

The Paradise Diner on Route 17 has agreed to donate 20% of the total bill of participating patrons **on Wednesday, September 30 from 5-9pm.**

Please join us and bring this bulletin article or see us at the door to qualify as a participating patron.

Slideshow: South Africa and Namibia pilgrimage

We invite you to join the Sisters, Fr. Don and Rick Caporali to view a slide/video show of our parish participation in our trip to South Africa and Namibia. **Two showings presented in the Church: Tuesday, September 22, 7:30pm, and Thursday, 1 October, 7:30pm.**

BUNCO rescheduled

The first Bunco game will be Friday, **September 25, from 7-9pm** in the Parish Life Center.

Family Holy Hour

Join us for a family holy hour on **Thursday, September 24, 6:30pm** to celebrate the World Meeting of Families and the Holy Father's visit to the United States (September 22-27), and to intercede for the upcoming Synod on the Family (October 4-25). Individuals and families with children of all ages are invited to come and offer their prayers for the Church's efforts on behalf of the family, as well as the particular needs of their own families. Come contemplate Jesus "who reveals the mystery and vocation of the family" and is "the face of the Father's mercy" (*Instrumentum laboris; Misericordiae vultus*). For more information, please contact Michael and Kara Horne, karahorne@gmail.com.

Health Ministry walks

Please join the Health Ministry Ministry walk starting **September 26 and continuing through November 14**. We meet every Saturday at 7am just in time to finish for the 9am Mass. Location: Rappahannock River Heritage trail and Canal path; 3.1 miles. For more information, contact the Parish Nurse: **540-845-3031, ParishNurse@stmaryfred.org**.



Catholic Mens Group

The next meeting of the Optio Secundus or "Second Option" of the Catholic Men's Group will be **Thursday, September 24 at the Blue & Gray Brewing Company**. Deacon Alberto will be there to continue his guidance, fellowship and just good camaraderie. We are grateful for his willingness to guide our group as we struggle in today's secular world as Granddads, Dads and men of good Catholic faith.

The Optio Group strives to bring Catholic men together in an ever increasingly secular world to discuss daily applications of our faith, duties and responsibilities to our families and communities. **Happy hour at 6:30pm, followed by an open discussion and optional dinner from 7:30-9:30pm.** Questions? Contact Kevin Wilkinson, **540-898-8353, kwilksn@yahoo.com**.

ice cream social...



Most Beautiful Winner
Noah's Ark—The Skamarycz family



Family Prize Winner
HCA Dismissal—The Root family

Cake Decorating Contest

There were 49 cakes entered this year, about half of previous years.



Most Delicious Looking Winner
Campfire—The Roberts family



Most Interesting Winner
Alice Paints the Roses Red—The O'Malley family



parish life ...and fun run

AWARDS
0-8 YEARS OLD

AWARDS
9-12 YEARS OLD



The first one to cross the line!



We had a great turnout for the **1st HCA Kidz Fun Run/Walk**. There were approximately 38 runners/walkers, with the first runner crossing the finish line in under 10 minutes! Each runner/walker received a drawstring bag and stadium cup for joining in the fun!

Special thanks to our

volunteers: Re, Lori, Sharon, Jon, Chris, Crystal, Seth, Rebecca, Beth,

Diane, and the Chicken Man - Michael; Walmart for providing the chips, water and Gatorade and the Stafford County Deputies for keeping us safe on the street. We hope you enjoyed this event as much as we did and look forward to seeing everyone again next year! Same time, Same place! See you then.



1 Mile Fun Run/Walk

parish life happening here

KofC yard sale: come shop!

The Knights of Columbus Annual Yard Sale is Saturday, September 26 from 7am-1:30pm. Come by, bring your friends and neighbors and find some things you need at very reasonable prices. We have lots of furniture, appliances, TV's, clothes, shoes, purses, books, movies, small electronics, sports equipment, toys, kitchen & bathroom items, garden items, mowers, and much more. **Directions to KoC Council Hall from Saint Mary:** Take Route 1 South; turn right on Harrison Road. The Council hall, **4724 Harrison Road**, is on left approximately 200 yards from Rt. 1. Proceeds from the Yard Sale help the Knights support the church and the community throughout the Holiday season. **Questions:** Contact Tim Fleming at yardsale@kofc4034.org.

Bishop Loverde's 50th Anniversary Mass

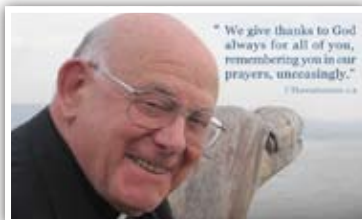
Bishop Loverde will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of his 50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination. This Mass will allow the faithful of the Diocese of Arlington to unite in prayerful thanksgiving for Bishop Loverde and his service as a pastor of souls in our diocese and beyond. A light reception will be held in

the parish activities center of All Saints Church immediately following the Mass. Since seating is limited, tickets have been proportioned to parishes in the diocese. **Saint Mary will receive 24 tickets and we will need to have this list to the diocese soon. For this reason, we will hold a raffle** for those in the parish who would like to enter their names in a drawing to attend this Mass. **Please call the office and have your name entered in the drawing no later than Friday afternoon, October 2.**

Bishop Loverde's 50th Anniversary Mass

November 7, 2015 12pm

All Saints Catholic Church, 9300 Stonewall Road, Manassas, VA



Senior luncheon

The next parish senior luncheon will be held in the Parish Life Center on **Tuesday, September 29. Doors open at noon and lunch is served at 12:15pm.** All Seniors in the parish are invited. For additional information, call Maria D'Amico at **540-785-3580**. Entertainment will be provided until 2pm. Come and enjoy the company of your fellow seniors in the parish.

Saint Mary Homeschoolers Group

Saint Mary Homeschoolers Back to School Picnic
Join us **Sunday, September 27, from 1-4** at Alum Springs Park for food, fun, and fellowship to celebrate the start of a new school year. Bring a blanket or chairs, a main dish for your family, and a side dish to share.

Mom's Night Out

Let's talk all things organization! Grab dinner and meet upstairs at Wegman's on **Tuesday, September 29 at 7pm.** Contact Kristie Hunt for more information at kristiehilton@yahoo.com.

CCW craft bazaar

We need your home made crafts! If you have items you have made and wish to donate to this year's annual Craft Bazaar, please bring them to the Parish Life Center, room 100, **any Thursday morning until October 15** or to the church office with Wanda Cushing's name on them.

English as a Second Language class forming

We are very interested in restarting the ESL Program here at Saint Mary. If you are a former educator, program participant, or someone who enjoys assisting in this area and are looking for another way

to engage your Teaching gift, **please consider attending our organizational meeting scheduled for Sunday, September 27, at 12:30pm** in the Parish Life Center. Former Students are invited and welcome to return to the classroom to assist. Bilingual skills are helpful but not necessary. All class materials and instructions are in English. **Future classes will be held Sundays, from Noon-1:30pm before the Spanish Mass.** Please contact the office at **540-373-6491** or email Rick Caporali, at rcaporali@stmaryfred.org for more information.

Birthright volunteer training September 28

Men and women interested in learning more about volunteering for Birthright of Fredericksburg are invited to attend a "Hey Look Us Over!" social from 7:30-9pm at the home of Kathleen Mahoney on **Monday, September 28.** A short film and a discussion of the Birthright Charter will give attendees a clear idea of the organization's mission and philosophy. Those who wish to train as volunteers will attend sessions in October at a convenient time for the group. Registration is required by September 24: bmah761569@aol.com or **540-371-2073.**

Give the gift of life

The Knights of Columbus, Fredericksburg Council # 4034 is sponsoring a blood drive on **Wednesday, September 30, 2015.** The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be parked in the Saint Mary parking lot from 1-6pm. To schedule, call **1-800-RED CROSS** or go to redcross.org. Walk-ins are welcome. Bring a photo ID. Future Dates: December 2, 2015; February 3, 2016; and April 6, 2016. Any questions please call Rick Reschick at **540-850-5587.**

parish life happening here

Learn more about Cursillo

Are you considering a Cursillo retreat or simply would like to learn more about the Cursillo community? Come to our informational meeting on **Thursday, October 1, at 7:30pm** in the Parish Life Center, Room 203. The next Men's Weekend is October 15-18, and the next Women's Weekend is November 19-22.

Thank You: School Dressing Days

This annual event—held August 14-15 and sponsored by the Interfaith Community Council of Fredericksburg (ICC)—was an enormous success. On behalf of the ICC, **Thank You!** Because of the great support from the ladies of CCW and the countless volunteer hours throughout the year by many of our local faith groups, **a total of 1,144 children from kindergarten through high school received items needed to begin the school year.** These children were given the opportunity to select new clothing, toiletries, backpacks, shoes and school supplies. Additionally, the overwhelmingly generous support throughout the year from our Saint Mary parishioners—in the form of financial contributions, new clothing donations and volunteer time—ensured that these families in need got off to a wonderful start for the new school year. The words "Thank You" were the words uttered over and over by the kids and their families and, not surprisingly, the words heard most by the volunteers. Again, many blessings and heartfelt thanks to all of you who supported this effort as we look forward to another year of service to those in our community that need our support through this important ministry.

Adult Confirmation classes: Dec./Jan.

We will begin Adult Confirmation classes for all those who have already been baptized and have received first

Communion, but have not been confirmed, as well as for those who might want a short refresher course on the Catholic faith. **There will be an introductory meeting and then six classes** led by Deacon Dick, each lasting about one hour on Tuesday nights at 7pm. The tentative schedule begins with the **introductory meeting on Wednesday, December 9, then Tuesday classes on December 15 and 29, January 5, 12, 19 and 26.** If you would like to sign up for these classes, or to just come to the introductory meeting to hear more, **please call the parish office to register**, leaving your name, phone number and email address.

Parish pilgrimage

Plan to join your fellow parishioners on the annual Parish Pilgrimage sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women on **November 14, from 8:30am–5:30pm. All are welcome.** This year we travel to the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., a National Sanctuary of Prayer and Pilgrimage. The Shrine is the largest Catholic Church in North America and one of the ten largest in the world. It is at the Basilica that Pope Francis will begin the U.S. Papal visit in September. **The day will include** travel by bus, a tour of the Shrine, Mass, opportunity for confession and private prayer, lunch in the Shrine cafeteria (bring your own or purchase there), time for shopping in the gift shop and/or bookstore. Sign up and leave your payment in the CCW mailbox in the office. Cost will be: \$20 payable by check or cash. Please reserve early as we expect the bus to fill quickly. **Questions?** Contact Joyce O'Toole, tjotoole@verizon.net, 540-371-2365.

Inspiring Catholic CDs

The Parish Life Center has new CDs from Lighthouse Catholic Media. Buy a few CDs for your long commutes or hand out to friends as a way to evangelize. CDs: \$5 each or 5 CDs for \$20.



Diocesan pilgrimage

Join Bishop Loverde, clergy and religious, and the families of our diocesan family for the diocesan pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, **Saturday, October 3, from 9:30am–2:30pm.** This year's theme, "Oh Mary, Keep Our Family Alive in Love," is perfectly suited for the moment in which we find ourselves needing prayer as a country and as a Church, following upon the Pope's World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia and before the 14th Ordinary General Assembly of Bishops in Rome meeting on "The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and the Contemporary World." Since most families will not have the opportunity to attend the Papal events, this pilgrimage will allow us to come together as one family and enjoy a perfect capstone to the rich and grace-filled two weeks of the Papal Visit. With hearts on fire we can come together to ask Mary, Our Mother for her intercession and protection.

photo directory

Make a reservation and get ready for the Parish Photo Directory

Lifetouch will photograph our parish families at no cost beginning in late September, October, and early part of November.

All parish members are eligible to make an appointment. Extended family, friends and neighbors are welcome to schedule appointments, although they will not be included in the directory. You may include family pets, these also will not be included in the directory. Each family will receive one free 8"x10" photo, with the option to purchase others. Lifetouch accepts cash,

checks and all major credit cards.

Can we submit our own photo?

You may submit your own family photo at a cost of \$10. The fee is waived in the following circumstances: special pages are provided free for military members (simply submit pictures of them in uniform) and homebound parishioners (who have their

photo taken by a parish volunteer with a digital camera).

How do I sign up for a sitting?

Sign-ups have begun. You will find the online registration on the Saint Mary home page (stmaryfred.org). No access to the Internet? Stop by or call the Parish Office at 540-373-6491 for assistance. **Photo sessions begin the last week September 29, daily from 2pm to 8:30pm.**

Smile!

We need warm, friendly volunteers!

...to sign people up at church, make reminder calls, take pictures of homebound parishioners, coordinate military photo pages, and greet people and sign them in for photo sessions.

Call the Parish Office at 540-373-6491 or contact Sandy Keddle at photodirectory@stmaryfred.org.

Tell your Story

Be a part of our upcoming photography event!

Be yourself. Classic, casual, musical, sporty, fun...it's up to you! (No tie required!)

Make it special. Bring meaningful items and special people too!

Share your story. Portraits make great gifts for family and friends.

Schedule your portrait session today! Look for details in the bulletin.

Each family receives a complimentary 8x10 (\$25 value) and a free directory for participating! You will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits for yourself, family and friends.

Lifetouch
Connecting You through Family Photography

Wear what you feel great in, whether it's casual or formal clothing. Here are some recommendations on what to wear for your photography session:

- Some poses are close-up, others are full-length, so plan outfits completely, including shoes.
- Tops with sleeves, at least to the elbow, are most flattering.
- Choose clothing in 2-4 similar-toned, solid colors and have everyone dress within that color palette. See the samples below:



Hair Avoid changing your hairstyle or cutting your hair right before your session.

Jewelry/Accessories Wear your special jewelry, hats, scarves, etc. Mention to the photographer if you would like to have your jewelry featured in your portrait.

Make-up Make-up should only be slightly heavier than normal—about what you would wear for an evening out.

Glasses If you wear glasses all the time, we suggest you wear them for your portraits—that's the real you.

Complexion Lifetouch offers portrait retouch that can soften facial lines and correct blemishes and scratches, scars, etc. We can also whiten teeth and eyes.

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papal visit
happening there



Archdiocese of Washington announces parade route for Pope Francis in Washington

WASHINGTON – On **September 23**, after meeting with President Obama at the White House, Pope Francis will drive a parade route between the Ellipse and a portion of the National Mall in the Popemobile. This will be an opportunity for the estimated tens of thousands of people expected to gather in Washington to see the Holy Father while he is visiting the nation's capital, September 22-24.

The viewing area of the open motorcade route is free and open to the public. No tickets are required, however spectators will need to pass through security. **Security gates**

will open for the Ellipse and the National Mall at 4am on September 23 and will close at 10am. No one will be admitted into the area after that point in time. No food or drink may be brought in from the outside, but concessions will be available for purchase. Once inside the perimeter, attendees will not be allowed to leave and re-enter until the Holy Father's Popemobile tour is complete. For a full list of restricted items, please visit walkwithfrancis.org/visit.

People are also invited to gather on the grounds of the Washington Monument to watch live coverage of the Holy Father's day on a large video screen. The pope's schedule will include his address to the U.S. bishops at the Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle, as well as the Mass of Canonization

for Blessed Junipero Serra. The afternoon Mass will be celebrated by Pope Francis on the east portico of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and The Catholic University of America in the afternoon. Between his address to the bishops and the live coverage of the Mass, a pre-Mass program will be aired on the large screen. **The Canonization Mass at the basilica is expected to begin around 4:15pm.** Participants that watch the live coverage will be permitted to bring in signage, food and drinks into the area, provided they are in compliance with guidelines set by the National Park Service.

The Archdiocese of Washington's Twitter handle is @WashArchdiocese, and the hashtag for the papal visit is #PopelnDC.

operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

13 September Offertory \$32,083.
Religious Ed. Collection 5,178.
Poor Box, St. Vincent de Paul 408.

Faith Direct Deposit For September:

Offertory 37,111.
Parish Building Fund 3,194.
Religious Education 1,500.
Catholic University 977.

Thank you for your generosity!

Please remember to use your Offertory Envelopes to ensure the accuracy of your end-of-year statement. The "Children's Envelope" proceeds will not be recorded on family statements.

Catholic University of America collection: September 26-27

Next weekend is the Annual Collection for the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States—**The Catholic University of America** in Washington, D.C. Founded in 1887, Catholic University is the only higher education institution founded by the U.S. Bishops and chartered by the Vatican. Every dollar given directly supports financial aid for more than 4,000 students from dioceses across the country, including many from the Diocese of Arlington. Your generous support is appreciated.

Children's Offertory Envelopes for September

Children's Offertory Contributions for the month of September will be donated to the **Stafford Junction HUGS Program**. Stafford Junction is a faith-based nonprofit organization that serves

high-need children, youth and their families residing in Stafford County. Their mission is to transform lives through faith and action. They partner with residents, local churches, service agencies, and businesses to connect lives, build relationships, and foster understanding across socio-economic lines. Partners share the love of God by meeting the physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual needs of those we serve. HUGS (Helping Us Grow Strong) is a program uniquely designed to complement the success of the Brain Builders after school program by working with children ages zero to five. Offering activities to enhance children's social and emotional development, HUGS helps to prepare these children for the school environment. For more information visit their website at staffordjunction.org.

Children's Offertory Envelopes are available through the Religious Education Office. All proceeds from the envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.

Pro Life Reflection for September 20

Humanae vitae is much more than a "birth control" encyclical. It declares and reaffirms the very meaning of human life as a sacred gift from God. We find our fulfillment precisely in welcoming, nurturing, and giving ourselves away for that gift of life. By capturing this vision of life, prohibitions on abortion and contraception make sense as pieces of a greater picture. *Jesus, You fill the world with life. Take away our fear and make us fruitful.*

All Night Adoration: First Friday, October 2

Our First Friday evening Mass at 8pm is followed by All Night Adoration until 9am Saturday morning. At least two people need to be present with our Lord at all times during Adoration. Please sign up today to adore our Lord and to honor His Holy Mother by saying the Rosary in his Divine Presence. October is the month of the Holy Rosary. *"It is not to remain in a golden ciborium that He comes down each day from Heaven, but to find another Heaven, the Heaven of our soul in which He takes delight."*—St. Therèse of Lisieux, Feast Day October 1.

Pro-life Shrine to the Holy Family



One of the outward signs of our parish commitment to value and dignity of human life will be a shrine to the Holy Family located in the island in front

of the Parish Life Center. Please prayerfully consider a donation to support the installation of this shrine. Please call Fr. Don directly if you can help us make this a reality.

Masses next weekend

26 September—SATURDAY

5pm	Fr. Don
7pm	Fr. Lino

27 September—SUNDAY

7am	Fr. Holmes <i>Deacon Dick to preach</i>
8:30	Fr. Cummings
10:30	Fr. Don
HCA10:30	Fr. Lino <i>Deacon Dick to preach</i>
12:30	Fr. Holmes <i>Deacon Alberto to preach</i>
2pm	Fr. Cummings <i>Deacon Alberto to preach</i>
5pm	Fr. Lino
7:01	Fr. Cummings

liturgy called in love

Respect Life Sunday

National Life Chain **Sunday, October 4**, 2:00 - 3:30pm

What is a Life Chain?

The first Life Chain was built in 1987 by Please Let Me Live, a small pro-life ministry in Yuba City, California. From its small beginning, the Life Chain has grown to over 1,800 Life Chains in the United States and Canada, and is a call to the Christian Church to mobilize against an abortion holocaust that claims over one million American lives annually, and has claimed over sixty million lives worldwide, through surgical abortion. **The Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful, silent demonstration.** Hundreds of Christians—clergy and lay people—stand 25 to 50 feet apart to form a prayer chain and hold signs. This powerful, visual impact not only raises community awareness but has also been credited with saving children's lives.

Saint Mary Parish will again participate in the Annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 4.

We will meet in the Parish Life Center at 2pm to pick up our signs and walk up to Route 1, where we will form a chain along Route 1 from Route 3 to College Avenue. Please join us and take a stand for the unborn.

Send military prayer updates

Sunday, September 27 will be the last day the current prayer list for military men and women will be published. Starting October 4, a new prayer list will be populated. To have a name added to this new list, please contact the parish office.

Saint Mary prayer list

Please pray for those who are sick or in need,

especially: Meredith Adams, Anne Shelton, Holly Smith, Lois Merrill, Janie Sherry, Martha Clemens, Art Gabler, Pat Arvai, Veronica Johnson, William Herr, Naomi Russo, Marie Savage, Deacon Richard Smith, Anna Castagna, John Paul Baksy, Eva Scelzo, Joanne Sanford, Trevor Wood, Beth Malaby, Rhonda Seidlinger, Margaret McAleavey, David Arnold, Tracy Biddulph, Carole Page, Christopher Kelly, Richard Romagnoli, Ann Dunsmore, Lisa Herr, Madeline Doyle, Elizabeth Ames, Elise Valez, Mary Ullmer, Virginia Bare, Bobbi Palumbo, Joanne Deangeous, Kenneth Nieves, Carol Eggleston, Patrick Eggleston, Mary Jean Williams, Don Williams, Gladys Bowen, Tom Bowen, Thomas Novotnak, Peter Stafford, Josephine Kreider, Suzi Eggleston, Melvyn Schreckinger, Betty Ann and Bill Dateno, Harold Gardiner, Marianne Ford, the Carlos Ortiz Family, John Haas, Karen Jones, Jennifer Carlson, Adelyn Wood, Elizabeth Ryan, Dave Kelly, Kevin Murray, Robin Humphries, Catherine Eklund, Jimmy Zollman, Charleen Arnold, Joshua Burgh, Brian Keller, Martin Samsbury-Carter, Linda Kaila, Cynthia McCready, Jesse Madison, Kelly Ann Carpenter, Martha Ferrara, Tom and Prov Moeller, Debbie Lloyd, Shana Callirgos, Cameron Richard North, Karen Danis, Maureen Flanagan, Gretchen Maia, Mary Ellen Normand, D.J. Smetek, Jim Evans, Megan Ramsey, Robert and Tenya Mosier, Cesar Corretjer, Josh Oltman, Donelda Wellwood, Keith Kovalefski, Bruce Bates, Joseph Bozicevic, Dyke Stabler, Helen Kozyra, Brian Hellmann

Please pray for all the men and women in our military and civilian support services overseas, especially:

Frank Creamer, Sal Contreras, James Cook, Brad Cowan, Sam Del Grande, Glenn Dickinson, Aaron Doble, Anthony Dowden, John Dussault, Travis Eades, Doug Ebnal, Christopher Eckert, Tim Evan, Christopher Ewers, Paul Fischer, Roberto Fuentes, Jason Geary, Ramon Guerra, Jr., Andrew Hamilton, Harry Hamilton, Ronnie Hamilton, Maria Harbeson, Andy Haskell, Raymund Haskell, Michael J. Herbek, James Helm, James Hoffnagle, Jr., Robert Horner, Danny L. Howard, Jr., Anthony Howell, Matthew Kearney, Daniel Kramer, Julio Laffitte III, Chris Lammers, Stephen Lammers, Scott LaRousse, Ryan Larsen, Jeffrey Lawrence, Kenneth Linstrom, Ryan Lynch, Sean Malloy, Geoff Mann, Josh Martin, Samantha Martin, Justin McClelland, Patrick McGroarty, John Moring, Nathaniel McNamara, Roger Mitchell, Joseph Moore, Joseph Muldoon, Corey Nash, Mindy Niemann, James Kevin O'Donnell, Bryce Parson, Joshua K. Pastell, Sean Penczak, Dominick Joseph Petro, Nick Schulz, Duayne Scott, Tim Smetek, Andrew Smith, Douglas Stransky, Shawn Tupta, Heidi Urben, Christopher Williamson, Daniel Zeytoonian, Justin Carter, Julianne Rogers, Jamal Williams, Stephen Wilson, Emmanuel Morales, Colin Carpenter, Josh Marsillo, Xavier Alas, Julio A. Alarcon, Lance Schulte, Teri Hocter, Josue Bermudez, Bryan Ruth

Please pray also for those who have died, especially the benefactors of Saint Mary Church.

Daily Mass intentions and readings

september

21 MONDAY

6:30 +Catherine Patera

8:15* +Bon Than

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

22 TUESDAY

6:30 +Wolanski Family

9am +Bob Borman

Ezr 6:7-8, 12, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21

23 WEDNESDAY

6:30 +Kaneoch Family

9am +Mary Neuberger

Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

24 THURSDAY

6:30 +Patrick Leo Petro Sr.

8:15* The McDowell Family

9am David Mathers

Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

25 FRIDAY

6:30 +Richard Romanello

9am Keith and Marjorie Britton

Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22

26 SATURDAY

9am +Michael Cook

5pm +Stefan Wolanski

7pm +Jim McCabe

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15; Lk 9:43-45

27 SUNDAY

7am +Barbara Norton

8:30 +Theresa Boehringer

10:30 Rose McConney

10:30* Michele Will

12:30 Our Military Living and Deceased

2pm James Rubin

5pm Maggie Fisher

7:01 For the Parish

Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6;

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Please remember that Mass intentions may be requested at the parish office for any remaining Masses of the year. If dates are no longer available for the date you desire, you are welcome to request an intention that is "unscheduled," and one of the priests will gladly celebrate Mass for your intention at an extra Mass during the week or as a concelebrant.

* Indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy